

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATION FORM

Please include only one recommendation on each form.

This form must be returned via e-mail to katie.mulford@iowa.gov no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday Nov. 21, 2007

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Each recommendation must fit into one of the following categories. Please check the appropriate box:

☒ **Education and training**

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RECOMMENDATION:

Establish an office for Alzheimer's disease and related dementias within the Iowa Department of Public Health.

IN 250 WORDS OR LESS, PLEASE INCLUDE COMMENTS, JUSTIFICATION, RESOURCES OR OTHER INFORMATION TO HELP THE TASK FORCE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF YOUR RECOMMENDATION.

An estimated 65,000 Iowans have Alzheimer's disease, making Alzheimer's one of the State's most significant public health problems. An office of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias within the IDPH would be charged with such responsibilities as monitoring disease prevalence and trends; creating and maintaining a clearinghouse of existing resources and services; state and county health planning for Alzheimer's disease and coordinating implementation of Task Force recommendations. The office would work closely with Alzheimer's Association, Iowa Chapter Network to coordinate activities of State agencies responsible for the regulation and funding of services for persons with Alzheimer's, including but not limited to the departments of inspection and appeals, human services, elder affairs and public health.